

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Beatrice R. Lyons for her meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice R. Lyons is an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Beatrice R. Lyons also received a Master of Science degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lyons has served with acumen and alacrity as an Associate Professor of American Sign Language for Chattanooga State Technical Community College for the past thirty years; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Ms. Lyons has served her community in numerous capacities over the years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her community service, Ms. Lyons has received the 2003 Tennessee Association of Higher Education and Disabilities Appreciation Award; the 2002 Tennessee Higher Education Commission Harold Love Community Service Award; the 1998 Oticon Focus on People Award, Adult Category; the 1996 Margaret Rawlings Lupton Lifetime Achievement Award from the Girls Preparatory School; the 1994 NISOD Teaching Excellence Award; the 1990 Employee of the Year Award presented by the Greater Chattanooga

Committee for Employment of Disabled Persons; the 1989 Chattanooga State Technical Community College Teaching Excellence Award; the 1980 Service to Mankind Award presented by the Chattanooga Downtown Sertoma Club; the 1980 Handicapped Professional Woman of the Year Award presented by Pilot International Club of Chattanooga; and the 1979 Governor's Distinguished Service Award presented by the Chattanooga Industrial Personnel Club; and

WHEREAS, as a testament to her professional excellence, Ms. Lyons was named the 2000 Chattanooga Woman of Distinction and the 1995-1996 Tennessee Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to community service, Beatrice Lyons has volunteered and served with such estimable organizations as the United Way, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People, Inc., Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, RID, Inc., Tennessee RID, Siskin Children's Institute in Chattanooga, and Captioning Service of Kansas Advisory Panel for USDOE Grant for WTVG; and

WHEREAS, known throughout the region for her astute leadership, she has served as Vice President of the Chattanooga Sub-Chapter, TRID, Liaison to the SHHH National Board of Trustees, and a member of the Insight Cinema Patron Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, an active and devout Christian, she is a member of the First Christian Church in Chattanooga Tennessee, which she has served as an elder, chairwomen, vice president, and president; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lyons is also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice R. Lyons epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of public servants like Beatrice Lyons who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and honor Beatrice R. Lyons for her meritorious
service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee and wish her every success in all future
endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.